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: Group Art Unit: NYA

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: Filed: July 30, 2003

For: CLAMPING DEVICE AND

METHOD

November 25, 2003

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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Applicants would like to know the status of the above-identified application.

FACTS

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 30, 2003 (see date stamped postcard and Utility Patent Application Transmittal attached). The application was filed without a Declaration. Applicants should have received a Notice To File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application shortly after the July 30, 2003 filing.

To date, the only thing received from the U.S.

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Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-identified application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507.

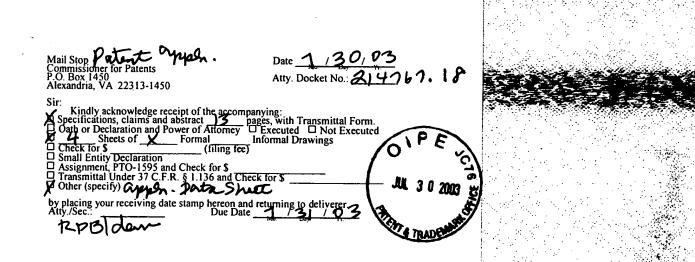
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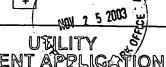
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